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In re Patent Application of

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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR A SPARK PLUG

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

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7. The method for manufacturing a spark plug in accordance with claim 1, wherein said electric resistor is equal to or larger than 3 k $\Omega$ .

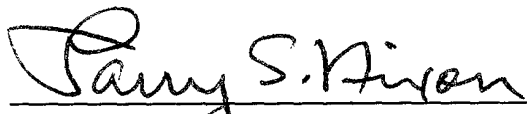
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**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

7. The method for manufacturing a spark plug in accordance with ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 6, wherein said electric resistor is equal to or larger than 3 k $\Omega$ .